

CITY ITEMS.

Landscapes. Schmidt, 719-21 13th st.

J. Jay Gould's Wonder Store, 829 9th.

Tragedies

The king was riding slowly, reviewing of his troops, when, with a zeal unholly, the band sent up some whoops. The steed was much affrighted, the king was scared, alas! and o'er its head he skited, and landed on the grass. And operators tireless the dreadful tidings hurried, by wires' and by the wireless, all o'er a breathless world. To Greenland's icy mountains the dreadful message flew, by Afric's sunny fountains the sweating heathen knew. By many an ancient river, on many a palmy plain, the news made people shiver, and filled their souls with pain. And as their ire grew larger, we heard the nations sing, "Oh, let us lynch the charger that bucked and threw a king!" Know all men by these presents, and also by this sign: That day ten thousand peasants were shot and killed like swine. Yea, while that worst of horses indulged in leap and bound, ten thousand nameless corpses were piled upon the ground. They lay beside their rifles, all stained with blood and dirt, but who can heed such trifles when royalty gets hurt?

WALT MASON.

ALONG THE RIVER FRONT.

Arrivals.

Schooner Oscar, cord wood from a Potomac point, at 10th street wharf for L. A. Clarke & Son; yacht Southwork of Philadelphia, from a cruise; steamer Southland, from Norfolk and Old Point to the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company; steamer W. L. Davis, from Grinders wharf and river landings to the Peoples line; steamer Gratitude, from Proctors landing and river wharves to the Potomac and Chesapeake Steamboat Company; schooner Bessie Reed, oysters from the Potomac beds, discharged and sailed again.

Departures.

Schooner Hallie K. and Edith Marcy, light, for lower Potomac points after oysters for the market; schooner Thomas W. Oliver, light, for the lower river with oysters to plant; scow Bush, light, for Broad creek to load pulp wood for Alexandria, to be reshipped to West Virginia; yacht Southwork, for Old Point and Norfolk and a cruise; steamer Northland, for Old Point and Norfolk; steamer Three Rivers, for river landings and Baltimore; United States naval steamer Talbot, from the navy yard with passengers for Indian Head; power boat Daisy, from Alexandria with merchandise for Farmington, Md.

Tugs and Tows.

Tug Captain Toby has gone to the mouth of the river after oil-laden barge from Baltimore for this city; tug Advance is due to sail from New York with tow of barges for Norfolk; tug Louise left with lighters laden with material for the Occoquan workhouse; tug John Miller arrived in the Eastern branch with lighters laden with clay for brick making; tug Jeff delivered shell-laden lighter at Alexandria crushing plant from the oyster wharf; tug Walter F. Meade arrived at Georgetown with lighters; tug Eugene delivered sand and gravel laden lighters here and left with light scows for digging grounds.

Memoranda.

Barges Mattapony, Christina and Kappahannock are at Baltimore with coal from Philadelphia; Standard Oil Company tank barge No. 52 is on her way to this city from Baltimore with oil in bulk; schooner Ruth Decker will load at a bay point for Baltimore; schooner Centurian is at a lower Potomac point after oysters for the market here; schooner Elizabeth Clarke, at Alexandria, will return to a river point to load back to this city; schooner Quikking is reported here with oysters from a bay bed; schooner barge Ute is reported on her way to this city from Baltimore.

Gude's Flowers for Xmas.

Place your orders early for fresh-cut flowers and blooming plants. 1214 F st.—Advertisement.

MICHIGAN SOCIETY OFFICERS

Are Elected at Annual Meeting of the Association.

Officers for the year were elected at the annual meeting of the Michigan State Association, Friday evening, at the Queen cafe, as follows: Representative P. H. Kelley, president; Representative J. M. C. Smith, vice president; C. O. Markham, secretary, and Joseph A. Fenton, treasurer. Minutes and reports of respect were read and adopted for the late Senator Julius C. Burrows, E. B. Moore, former commissioner of patents; James H. Fitts and Dr. Thomas W. Burke, all of whom were members who died during the year. It was announced that the annual banquet would be held January 25 at Kauscher's.

DUE TO OVERHEATED PIPE.

Fire at 1338 New York Avenue Causes \$2,000 Damage.

An overheated pipe yesterday afternoon started a fire in the basement of building 1338 New York avenue, and the blaze was conveyed to the top floor through the elevator shaft, doing \$2000 damage to the contents of the apartment of Charles H. Nixon on that floor and about \$1,500 to the structure.

The fire started a few minutes after 3 o'clock, and the immense quantities of smoke made it appear that the building and possibly adjoining structures were doomed, and a second alarm was sent in.

FOUR MORE AERO SQUADRONS.

Secretary Garrison Makes Recommendations in Annual Report.

An army aero squadron, under recent changes in organization, consists now of twelve aeroplanes, seven motor cycles and twenty-one motor trucks with a personnel of twenty commissioned officers and 129 enlisted men. Secretary Garrison has recommended four additional squadrons in his annual report transmitting in detail the administration's army increase plans.

In connection with the motor equipment of the army, a school for army chauffeurs has been started in New York city for men of the Eastern Division. It will be in co-operation with the chauffeurs' school of the Y. M. C. A. in that city and men will be assigned to it from the various army posts. A fleet of twelve passenger cars and five trucks is available.

Orchestral Concerts.

By the United States Soldiers' Home Band Orchestra, John S. M. Zimmermann, director, in Stanley Hall, this evening at 6:45 o'clock.

March, "Stars and Stripes Forever"..... Sousa
Overture, "Hansel and Gretel"..... Keler Bela
Song, "The Lost Chord"..... Sullivan (Requested)
Selection, "Lohengrin"..... Wagner
Fox trot, "Ragging the Scale"..... Claypoole (Requested)
Waltz suite, "Phineas"..... (Cold-shoulder)
Waltz, "Phineas"..... Waldteufel
Fox trot, "I'm Simply Crazy Over You"..... Schwartz
Finale, "Araby"..... Berlin
"The Star Spangled Banner"

At the United States marine barracks, tomorrow at 2:30 p.m., by the United States Marine Band Orchestra, William H. Santelmann, leader.

March, "Stars and Stripes Forever"..... Sousa
Overture, "Oberon"..... Weber
Serenade, "Spring Morning"..... Lacombe
Waltz, "Vienna Blood"..... Strauss
Grand scenes from "La Traviata"..... Verdi
Reverie, "Love's Dream" von Hon
Musie de Ballet "Egyptien"..... Luigini
Galop, "Vine"..... Ziehrer
Mars' hymn, "The Halls of Montezuma"

BILL IS REINTRODUCED.

Defers Assessments for Benefits Until Improvements Are Made.

Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire has reintroduced his bill providing that in the case of street improvements in the District assessments for benefits shall not be made against the property holders until the street is actually opened.

Senator Gallinger last night said he believed great injustice was worked under the present system, by which assessments are made when the streets only exist "upon paper." Sometimes, he said, it has been five or ten years after the assessments were collected from the property holders that the work of opening the streets was actually begun. There was no reason, he said, why the property holders should be made to pay out their money until the work of improvement was actually begun.

GUNS ON MOTOR TRUCKS.

Probable Addition to Equipment for United States Coast Defenses.

Large guns mounted on motor trucks or railway cars probably will be added to the country's coast defense system as a result of experiments now being made by army ordnance experts.

The European war has demonstrated that high-power guns can be used as mobile weapons, such guns as the German 42 centimeter howitzer having revolutionized land warfare by the easy reduction of forts believed to be impregnable. It is proposed to adapt that lesson to American coast defense by linking up permanent works with well ballasted wagon roads or railways paralleling the coast line, so that the heavy guns can be rushed to any threatened point not protected by the present harbor defenses.

URGES "JIM CROW" LAW.

Representative Vinson of Georgia Says He Will Push Measure.

A "Jim Crow" law for the District of Columbia is urged by Representative Vinson of Georgia, a member of the House committee on the District. Mr. Vinson has introduced a bill covering his ideas, and declares he will push it to a conclusion.

It provides that within four months after enactment separate and distinct accommodations for the conveyance of white and negro passengers must be furnished by "every transportation company, firm and person operating cars, vessels or vehicles of any character within the District of Columbia for the conveyance of passengers."

A Plan of Army Reform.

To the Editor of The Star:

I have a plan to suggest for consideration in increasing the efficiency of our army, as follows: One, leave the regular army as it is at present; two, enlist 50,000 men for six months' service, to be liable for service for three years from the expiration of their enlistment; three, increase the present force of officers so that these troops may be properly officered; four, have separate regiments, in which graduates of first-class colleges may be trained together for six months, making those that prove capable officers in the reserve; five, have examinations at the end of service of the enlisted men, those passing the examination being promoted to officers in the reserve; six, have all enlisted men in the regular army serve for three years in the reserve; seven, give commissions as second lieutenants to graduates of first-class military colleges; let them serve six months and then go in the officers' reserve. The result of this plan at the expiration of three years would be 300,000 reserves, 100,000 regulars, a fine nucleus of capable officers, or 400,000 men, not counting officers, available for service, and still never having over 150,000 in the army at any one time. I have had three years' experience in the militia and know it will take six months to turn out a good soldier, but a man can be properly trained in that time and will not need to be called back for further training. I believe this is the practical and efficient way for us to raise an army and put it on an intelligent basis. W. A. MARTIN.

To Be Transports for Army.

The Panama canal steamships Cristobal and Ancon probably will be turned into army transports when their work at the canal is finished. They are now assigned to the Navy Department, but it is understood an agreement has been reached whereby they will be transferred to the War Department. Authority of Congress will be asked for the sale of the transport Mode and Crook, purchased during the Spanish war. Those steamers have outlived their usefulness to the army.

Capt. Edwards Coming Here.

Capt. George M. Edwards, Medical Corps, in this city, has been relieved from duty with Field Hospital No. 7, at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., and is ordered to report to the governor of the Soldiers' Home, this city, for duty.

14th Episode.

Neal of the Navy
Sensational
with the Beautiful
Lillian Lorraine
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Tomorrow

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SEVERAL POSITIONS OPEN.

Federal Employment Bureau Makes Public List of Jobs.

The federal employment bureau has made public several opportunities for positions in this city, Maryland and Virginia. Additional information concerning the vacancies may be obtained upon application at the bureau's headquarters in the Mills building, 17th street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest. Description of the positions follows:

District of Columbia—One married or

single woman for general housework—German, Scotch or Irish. No objection to a very small child, but prefer without. Ten dollars per month. Good home, light work. Transportation advanced from New York and deducted. Maryland, Prince Georges county—One married or single man for general farmwork. Any white, English-speaking, experienced. Wages according to ability. Unfurnished house, garden and fuel. Virginia, Tazewell county—One single or married woman for general housework. Colored or foreign. No children wanted. Could give husband farm work to do. Three dollars per week and home. Transportation advanced.

BAR TO DEBT EVASION.

War Department Makes Ruling as to Army Officer's Obligations.

Complaint recently was made to the War Department that a retired officer of the army who was heavily involved in debt had gone into bankruptcy on representations that he had no assets and was dependent on his pay of \$116.87 a month. One of his creditors expressed the opinion that the War Department should not approve of that method by an officer for the evasion of his financial obligations.

In passing on the case it was held by the War Department that such

bankruptcy proceedings did not release an officer from the moral obligation imposed by the military code of honor to pay his just debts; that that code forbids an officer to release himself from the payment of his just debts in any other manner than by payment or adjustment satisfactory to his creditors; and that the officer is liable by military court for conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman for not paying such debts, provided his failure to do so is attended by circumstances indicating an intention to evade their payment.

Egypt bought 179,867 Bibles last year. Bulgaria bought 18,000 and Asiatic Turkey 52,000.

\$1.12 CONSCIENCE MONEY.

Sent for Misuse of Stamps Twenty-Three Years Ago.

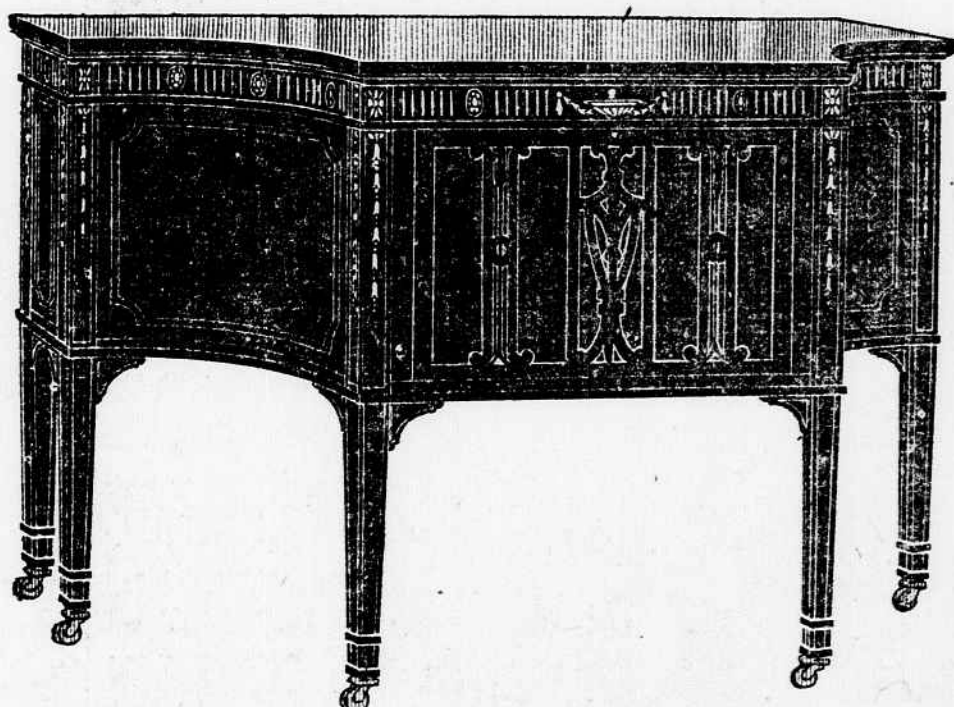
Some one in Clinton, Miss., doesn't want to die with it on his or her conscience that he or she used canceled stamps over again to the detriment of Uncle Sam's revenues some twenty-three years ago. So, "a citizen" sends on \$1.12 in stamps to compensate for the fraud, saying it is sent for another who confesses the fault.

A letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, received yesterday, tells the story and brings the restitution.

the amount has been deposited with the conscience fund. The letter reads: "I have been given some money, the amount of which you will find inclosed in stamps, for the payment of some 'used' stamps which they used some twenty-three years ago. The party said they did not wish to die without making same right beforehand. I am hoping that this will reach you in safety, and that same may be made right in the eyes of the government. Respectfully, A CITIZEN."

Compressed air haulage systems have been installed in German coal mines that utilize the exhaust steam from hoisting engines to run the compressors.

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